



The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Board

invites **Costilla County Residents** to a

## ***Community Open House Meeting***

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010**

6:00-8:00 pm

Public Health Conference Room

233 Main St., San Luis, CO

and/or

**Thursday, April 22, 2010**

6:00-8:00 pm

Blanca Fort Garland Community Center

17591 Hwy 160, Blanca, CO

The Board of Directors of the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area invites residents of Alamosa, Conejos, and Costilla Counties to participate in community input meetings on the direction and planning of the newly federally established National Heritage Area (NHA). The mission of the heritage area is to **preserve and promote local heritage, cultural history, and traditions**. These meetings will **directly shape project planning**.

The National Park Service is facilitating as advisor to the NHA, a non-profit organization, to provide limited technical, planning and financial assistance. **Local community benefits include: local contribution to the national heritage tapestry; new economic opportunities; restoration and interpretation of historic sites; and recognition of local culture and traditional methods of agriculture and ranching production.**

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